

PROSPECT FADING FOR ANY PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

WHARF INSPECTOR
IN "LIE" INCIDENT
CONFESSES FALSITY

J.G. Morgan, on Whose Figures
Supt. Forbes Contradicted
Contractor Lord, Admits a
Falsehood and Resigns

DENIES PIER IMPERILLED
BY 5-INCH WALL BULGE

Movement Caused By Pumping
of Soft Fill Before Braces
Placed in Front of Structure;
Board to Authorize Investi-
gation By Impartial Experts

The board of harbor commissioners this afternoon voted to discharge dishonorably J. C. Morgan, territorial inspector, who confesses to making false statements as to pier construction work. Members of the board individually expressed themselves as emphatically against Morgan's action. The board also decided to appoint a special investigation board of three experts, connected neither with the contractor nor the territory, to go thoroughly into conditions on Piers 8, 9 and 10. Commissioner McClellan expressed the opinion of the harbor board by declaring, "We want to go clear to the bottom of things."

That now famous session of the harbor board on December 20, when Superintendent of Public Works Forbes and Contractor Ed Lord freely passed the "short and ugly word"—to wit, "lie"—had a sequel this afternoon.

The harbor board had before it a signed statement from J. C. Morgan, territorial inspector, in which Morgan admits that he told a falsehood concerning conditions on Piers 8, 9 and 10—the bone of contention at the December 20 meeting.

And it was on Morgan's statement concerning the condition of wall of Pier 9 that Forbes had taken his stand in direct contradiction to Lord of the Lord-Young Engineering Company.

Lord maintained that the wall had bulged out five inches. Forbes denied it. Later Forbes, Morgan and other engineers of the department went to the pier under construction and investigated. Forbes reiterated his denial.

Morgan now admits his own falsehood and tenders his resignation, but declares his belief that the pier is safe, although it has bulged.

Forbes left for the mainland yesterday. The Star-Bulletin learned from members of the harbor board this morning that he was informed of Morgan's admission before sailing. Morgan's statement is dated December 24. Members of the board hold that Forbes is not to blame for the position in which his department has been put, and that he is the victim of a lie told by an engineer he trusted.

Morgan's statement "brings up a new feature. It is this:

The bulging in the wall, was caused, it is alleged, by the contractor putting in a soft hydraulic "fill" back of the wall before its front was properly braced by cylinders and the "deck." Who is to blame for allowing the contractor to do this is a question still to be discussed, though harbor board members do not hold the superintendent of works responsible.

Morgan's falsehood is thought to be the result of making a blunder to which he afterwards stuck, refusing to admit a mistake. Just how he made the original blunder is not known.

Morgan's confession was made first to Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, and Wilbur C. Woodward, assistant, being given orally to them last Sunday. Later Morgan wrote out his statement and the commission held an executive session last night to consider it. It was decided to have it read in the public meeting this afternoon, the session being called for 1:30 o'clock.

Three prominent engineers will be appointed now to judge the wharf, instead of a committee of two chosen by the board and by the contractors. A member of the harbor board said today:

"We do not believe the stability or safety of the pier is menaced by this bulge and we believe the movement has stopped. Nevertheless, the board is spending public funds and we propose to have an entirely impartial body of expert engineers pass on the subject. We shall get the three best men available and let them make a thorough examination."

The letter read this afternoon bears out contentions of Ed Lord and his assistants for the past week to the effect that the wall of Pier 9 has gone out in some places as much as five inches. Morgan stoutly denied these contentions face to face with Lord's head carpenter last Saturday, reading from his field book the figures which he now admits are untrue.

Engineer Morgan's statement, containing his resignation, is as follows: "Honolulu, December 24, 1916.

"Board of Harbor Commissioners, Territory of Hawaii.

NEW YORK STOCK
MARKET TODAY

Alaska Gold	11	10 1/2
American Smelter	104 1/4	105
American Sugar Rfg.	109 1/2	110
American Tel. & Tel.	125	125 1/2
Anacosta Copper	82 1/2	83 1/2
Atchafalpa	104 1/4	104 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	60	59
Baltimore & Ohio	84 1/2	84
Bethlehem Steel	50 1/2	50
Calif. Petroleum	25	25 1/2
Candian Pacific	167	167 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	91 3/4	91 1/4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	45 1/4	46
Crescent Steel	62 1/2	62
Erie Common	34 1/2	35
General Electric	167 3/4	169 1/2
General Motors	118	117 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	118	117 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	113	119
Kennecott Copper	45 1/4	45 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	80	79 1/2
New York Central	104 1/4	104 1/2
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/2
Ray Consol.	26 1/2	26 1/2
Southern Pacific	97 1/2	97 1/2
Studebaker	109 1/4	111 1/2
Texas	22 1/2	22 1/2
Union Pacific	146	146
U. S. Steel	107 1/2	107 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	119 1/2	119 1/2
Utah	101 1/2	102 1/2
Western Union	96 1/2	97
Westinghouse	56 1/2	56

*Bid. *Ex-dividend. *Unquoted.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26—

Sugar: 96 degrees test, 5.02 cents.

Previous quotation, 5.08 cents.

AD CLUB HEARS
TRUE DEMOCRACY

"Democracy goes farther than a nation," said Rev. Charles F. Dole in a talk before the members of the Ad Club today at the Alexander Young hotel. "Democracy is the biggest thing in the world today. Nationalism has been advocated much during the past year, but the true democracy is more than a party."

"Today a man leaves one country for another to seek his fortune, and takes the oath in his new country. No one blames him. It is done for convenience. He goes farther than nationalism. Democracy goes to the heart. It is brotherhood and loyalty. Democracy goes back to a spiritual foundation. It changes the attitude of man toward man. It does not ask what is done for good roads or for battleships but what is the method of getting the best out of manhood."

"War in Europe today was caused because the nations had become imperialistic. It could not have happened with a true democracy. The present system of today invites fear, suspicion and is really autocratic. President Wilson could call war at any moment, which gives him the power of an emperor in the United States. If I were a younger man today the present system of conscription would aim to make me work against my own convenience. I would rather go to prison or to death than violate the principles of true democracy."

"Education today is debasing our children. They are being educated to think of war, creating a suspicion of foreigners coming to our shores. It causes them to look with suspicion on the foreign-born population living in this country. Good will and brotherhood are the greatest things of all. They are greater than a nation, and the test of true democracy is the thing that makes life happier—good will, as concluded."

Mrs. George Tackabury entertained the members of the club with two vocal solos. W. Borthwick gave Robert Service's "Cremation of Sam McGee." President Wallace R. Farrington read a slogan of the new advertising publication recently issued, which says, "The United States is a darn sight bigger than New York."

WATSON, CLEMONS
FORM LEGAL FIRM

Hon. Charles F. Clemons' resignation as judge of the local U. S. court has been accepted by the president to take effect on January 15.

This information comes in a cablegram received by Judge Clemons from Attorney-General Gregory. It reads: "By direction of the president your resignation as United States district judge, district of Hawaii, tendered by your letter of the 12th instant, is hereby accepted, effective close January 15 next."

As forecast by the Star-Bulletin recently, Judge Clemons has announced that, shortly after January 15, he will enter into a law partnership with Hon. Edward M. Watson, former associate justice of the supreme court and now attorney for the public utilities commission. The firm name and the location of the firm's offices have not been decided on.

Judge Clemons has been on the federal bench nearly six years, having been assigned to the bench by a recess appointment and taking office on March 7, 1911. His term would have expired in May.

Late News At A Glance

MEXICO MAY BEGIN IMPORTATION OF CHINESE
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—Steamship companies operating between America and the Orient have been requested to submit bids for the transportation of 1000 Chinese from Hongkong, the request being made by Mexican cotton planters at Mexicali.

FORECLOSURE SUIT AGAINST S. F. STREET RAILWAY
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Holders of \$1,800,000 bonds of the Market street cable railway, a part of the United Railroads, today brought a foreclosure suit. Banking interests are involved in the suit. Jesse W. Lillenthal, president of the system, says that the suit is for reorganization purposes.

CARRANZISTAS REVOLT TO JOIN VILLA
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—The Carranza garrison at El Oro, southeast of Parrel, has revolted, looted stores and mining camps and started south to join Gen. Villa, according to a message from Torreon. Maj. Francisco Arratia, secretary to Governor Arnulfo Gonzales of Chihuahua, has been sentenced to death by a Juarez military court. He shot the Juarez chief of police.

CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOLS ADOPT MILITARY TRAINING
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Youths in Chicago high schools will soon be under military instruction, with the sanction and under the direction of the regular army authorities. Secretary of War Baker has approved the plan of the Chicago board of education. Carl E. Z. Steever, originator of the "Wyoming Plan," is ready to come to Chicago with a staff of assistants. Capt. Steever's plan of adapting military drill to youths of high school age in Wyoming has proved a marked success.

TO USE NEW PIERS FOR BLEACHER SITE AT CARNIVAL
Ed Lord, president of the Lord-Young Engineering Company, stated this afternoon at the harbor board meeting that he has promised the use of Piers 8 and 9 for bleachers at the Mid-Pacific Carnival water pageant.

JUDGE FOILS CUPID; ELOPERS TO REFORM SCHOOL
A Hawaiian boy and girl who eloped but failed to get married, were committed to industrial schools by Juvenile Judge Whitney this afternoon. The boy told the court he was willing to get married, but the girl refused to give her consent. "This sort of business has got to stop," declared Judge Whitney as he signed the commitments.

WILL CONSIDER NEW YEAR EVE HOURS
Whether Heine's Tavern will be permitted to continue the New Year's cheer until 3 o'clock in the morning at the Saturday night celebration will be decided at a meeting of the liquor license commissioners at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It is understood that other hotels and resorts will apply for a special selling privilege for that night. Other routine matters will be discussed.

ELECTRIC COMPANY ORDERED TO FURNISH MACHINERY
A request from the Hawaiian Electric Company for an extension of time on the furnishing of certain conveyor machinery on Kulo Wharf was refused this afternoon by the harbor board on the grounds that the company received the contract with time of delivery the chief essence. Catton, Nellie & Company had made a lower bid when tenders were called for, but were not awarded the contract owing to the longer time they allowed for delivery.

PRATT INSISTS
ON INSPECTIONS

Dr. J. S. R. Pratt, president of the board of health, who appeared at the loan fund meeting today will insist on the inspection of every individual who enters the Nuuanu watershed in connection with the construction of the new water project in Hillebrand Glen.

Pratt stated that he wants to assist the commission in every possible way, but declared that the inspection is a necessity. He said the restrictions are no more than were enforced at Wahiawa, Alea and Waihole in construction work there, the result being that typhoid cases were traced back to their source by the inspections. He said the situation at present in regard to typhoid is threatening, and that recent months have shown an abnormal increase in the disease, cases being scattered from Kaimuki to Kalihi and as far up Nuuanu as the electric station. Officials could not be too careful, he asserted.

At the end of the meeting Picano & Games were given a 10-day extension of time in which to secure laborers. They were shown that the inspection is not as disagreeable as they at first were given to understand.

DEATH FROM AUTO IS
ADJUDGED UNAVOIDABLE
ACCIDENT AT INQUEST

The coroner's jury investigating the death of Iwa Yashiro, the Japanese woman, who was struck by Paul R. Bartlett's car Christmas Day at Kalakaua and King streets, this afternoon brought in a verdict of accidental death, also reporting that the accident was unavoidable. Sheriff Rose presided.

BRITISH PASTORS RAP
WILSON'S PEACE NOTE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
LONDON, Eng., Dec. 27.—The clergy of London are in full accord with the press of the nation in strong disapproval of President Wilson's action in sending a note simultaneously to the various warring and neutral powers of Europe urging an attempt on their part to arrive at a basis for peace negotiations.

Strong words were used by prominent clergymen of London in their Christmas Day sermons regarding Mr. Wilson and his latest note. That he has spoiled good intentions by a tragic mistake, that he was either crazy when he sent the note, or callously indifferent to the rights and wrongs of the terrible struggle that is drenching Europe with blood, were some of the opinions expressed.

"President Wilson has marred his good intentions by a most tragic mistake," said Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, rector of Westminster chapel, in his Christmas address. "He has declined to express any opinion as to the moral issues involved in the great struggle

HOLMES FAVORS
HAWAII STREET

That Henry Holmes is in favor of the compromised Hawaii street as an outlet to the mauka end of Puunui district instead of Circle Drive is the statement made by him today, and corrects a statement in another part of the paper. While he believes that the compromise route is the best, he is absolutely against the original routing of Hawaii and would prefer Circle Drive to it.

According to E. W. Sutton this morning, options on all the land necessary for Hawaii have been obtained by him without any strings attached, and include the properties of Kalakala, Naha, Mahoe and Holmes.

Sutton believes that if the board of supervisors approve Hawaii it will immediately end all objections to the improvement district and work can start as soon as all legal steps are taken. "The difference in cost between Circle Drive and the Hawaii compromise is \$4000 more for the latter, but as both George Sherman and the Country Club are donating \$5000 between them, it will really cost the county and property holders less," said Sutton.

HOLD ARTILLERY
FIRING AT POST

Field artillery firing will be held at Schofield Barracks this week, beginning tomorrow at 9 o'clock and continuing through Friday and Saturday. Notices have been sent out announcing the firing, and a large crowd of spectators is anticipated.

The firing point will be near the stables of the field artillery and the line will run in a direction toward Kokoale pass. The danger zone will be west of the water tank.

DIES FROM FALL
OFF AUTO TRUCK

Nunu Niolopua was mortally injured Tuesday afternoon when he fell from Frank Mascoto's auto truck at King street and Aala lane and was crushed under the rear wheel. He was hurried to the emergency hospital and died later at the Queen's hospital. The police report that he was under the influence of liquor.

In which Great Britain and her Allies are involved. He wants peace to be declared without the wrongs being righted on account of which we are fighting. He would make vain the sacrifice of all the men, who have died since the war began."

Name Farm
Loan Banks

Twelve Cities Chosen as Location
for System to Make
Rural Credits Available

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Under the provisions of the new farm loan act 12 cities were designated by the treasury department today as the location for the 12 farm loan banks which will inaugurate the new system. The cities chosen, after careful investigation by treasury department agents, are Omaha, Neb.; Berkeley, Cal.; Spokane, Wash.; Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbia, S. C.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Wichita, Kan., and Houston, Tex.

STREETS FULL OF
WATER AS STORM
SWEEPS THE CITY

Rainfall approaching cloudburst proportions in some sections of the city fell about 1 o'clock this afternoon swelling Nuuanu and Makiki streams to flood proportions between 1 and 2 o'clock and threatening serious damage. In the business section it was nearly so heavy, the weather bureau reporting that instruments on the Young hotel roof indicated a fall of .37 of an inch.

Nuuanu stream rose rapidly and at 1 o'clock the stream had reached the level of the Kukui street bridge. Many Japanese boats were afloat on this stream and one large sampan was wrecked against the bridge at Kukui street. Many of the smaller boats were washed toward the bay.

At the railroad bridge the water reached a point only two feet under the tracks. Lumber and logs have been floating down the stream and a jam was expected at any time. Throngs gathered along the stream to watch the advance of the flood. The rain came down in torrents at the Country Club and the streams overflowed. Nuuanu street was flooded with water near the entrance to the club. The upper course was flooded in many places.

Water flowed down the hills in Nuuanu valley like rapids, and Nuuanu street near the Country Club was a river, according to the report given out by the city electric station on Nuuanu street.

Water came down the Manoa car tracks so deep that passage was impossible in some places and an extra car was sent out from the barn to assist when debris washed across the street stopped progress. At Pawa Junction the streets ran six inches deep and all along King street the street cars were slowed up by their fenders deep in the flowing water. At Kakaemoku and King the corner was a lake and the same was the case at Wilder and Kewalo.

In Kalihi and Kaimuki the streets were also running full. Street car conductors reported to the Rapid Transit office that the downtown was one of the worst seen in several seasons. At the Queen street bridge a derrick was holding up one end of a large sampan while the growth was being scraped off the bottom. So suddenly did Nuuanu stream rise that the sampan was torn away from its fastenings and the derrick was pulled over. Only the quick work of the men in charge saved it from going in to the bay.

At every bridge across the stream many Japanese boats have been tipped over. Shortly before 3 o'clock it was reported that the stream had fallen at least two feet from the highest point reached and unless another deluge occurred all danger of further damage was past.

TRAINING HORSE,
OFFICER KILLED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—News was received at the war department today that Maj. Powell Clayton of the 16th Cavalry died this morning at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He was injured while schooling a horse at the fort.

Chicago reports that at least 25 persons have been killed in blizzards which have swept through the northwestern states, where the cold is more intense than at any time since the record-breaking blizzard of 1886, when the records of the weather bureau in the Dakotas were broken by the freezing mercury.

A report which came to the Star-Bulletin today that the famous "Blood town" at Wahiawa was raided last night and the redlight district women arrested has been denied by Sheriff Rose, Chief McDuffie and Deputy Sheriff Phipps of Wahiawa. All these officers said they knew nothing of it.

GERMAN AGENTS ACTIVE, BUT
ALLIES OBJECT TO PROPOSAL

British Press Raps Wilson Some More--
Berlin Sends Emissaries to Hague, Apparently Assuming Conference is to Be Held

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireles)

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 27.—Official circles express the guarded but emphatic opinion that there is no possibility of bringing about a conference on peace terms, as matters now stand. The sentiment is expressed that unless Germany will make suggestions and advance concrete ideas as to terms of peace, there can be no conference.

France and Britain have agreed upon the reply which will be sent to Germany in response to the peace proposals made a few days ago.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 27.—After a five-day battle the Germans have pierced the Russian lines in eastern Wallachia. The Russians have been definitely defeated on a front 17 kilometers long, southwest of Rimnik Sarat and are retreating. A number of fortified villages have been captured by the Teutonic Danube army and the Russians retreating on the Danube front have been captured to the number of 1300. Since December 22 the 9th Teuton army has captured more than 7600 on this front.

On the west front today the Entente forces lost nine aeroplanes in an aerial engagement. There is some artillery activity on the Ypres salient.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 27.—Germany is taking active steps to promote a peace conference.

A despatch from The Hague today says that German agents have already arrived there to arrange the preliminaries of a meeting of German delegates, to be sent to the proposed peace conference. The agents are seeking accommodations at the hotels and say that their government is preparing to send its representatives.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 27.—Evening papers today criticize the president, some of them in drastic terms, for his move in sounding the belligerents to get a statement as to the demands each side makes and as to the possibility of bringing peace discussions.

The papers generally characterize Germany's reply to the United States, as given to Ambassador Gerard yesterday, as an eagerness to end the war.

The Standard says that "it is a mistake to neglect German peace maneuvers, but it would be even more fatal to waste any time over them."

The Star declares: "Germany is working the Wilson note for all it is worth, trying to make peace by wireless."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Germany is not slow to seize the advantages given by Wilson's maladroit diplomacy. The Allies will not hold a discussion with an unpunished criminal or with a power to which the most solemn engagements are mere scraps of paper."

"The most dignified course now, as regards the Wilson note, would be its frank withdrawal."

WINTER COLD IS
GRIPPING CAMPS;
CITIES FEEL IT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.—As a result of the tornado which struck this city yesterday 12 are known to be dead, 23 injured and the estimated damage is \$3,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—From the border comes official news that the storm has done some damage to the U. S. camps. On Christmas Day the camp of the U. S. punitive expedition in Mexico was storm-swept. Maps and equipment of the army wireless outfit at Colonia Dublan and El Valle were blown down and a field hospital structure demolished.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—The severe cold has driven the troops to take winter measures. Stoves are roaring red-hot in the tents of the soldiers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Despatches from Chicago, Memphis, Little Rock, New Orleans, El Paso and a score of other cities all tell of exceptionally severe weather throughout the country west of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

Little Rock has the worst tale to tell by far. A tornado moving from the northwest struck through the southern and central sections of Arkansas yesterday sweeping a path four miles wide, clear as it moved and leaving behind it a train of hundreds of devastated homes, and it may be scores of dead.

Many Killed
Four persons are known to have been killed instantly in the Little town of England, and 17 are reported dead in Keok, while a number of guards and prisoners have been killed at the convict farm of the state at Tucker.

Definite information is impossible to obtain for the wires, both telephone and telegraph, are down. Rescue parties are being organized by the state authorities and being sent to the points where most needed by special trains.

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SWEDEN NOW JOINS
IN CALL FOR TERMS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Sweden today addressed identical peace notes to all the belligerents and sent copies of it to the neutral countries, urging consideration of terms for peace, according to official information here.

Germany's reply to the Wilson note has not yet been received here, though it was made public in Berlin yesterday. Despite the disappointment because Germany has not acceded to the president's suggestion and outlined her terms for peace, the general view prevails that another step forward has been made toward the end of war.

GERMAN OFFICIAL
CABLEGRAMS

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 27.—Early report: On the north bank of the Somme river today there was temporary strong artillery fire but otherwise neither on west nor east front is there anything important. In Great Wallachia the Russians today were ejected from several positions. The Macedonian front is calm.

German Army Headquarters, Dec. 26.—In some sectors on the Ypres front, and on both sides of the canal La Bassée and west of Lens, artillery activity has been increased. Advances of strong English patrols have been repeatedly repulsed.

Prince Leopold's front: On the lower Stochod river the Russian artillery was more active than usual. Northwest of Luck an enterprise of German detachments brought in 16 prisoners.

Archduke Joseph's front: On Ludowa height the force of the Carpathians, temporarily strong cannon fire has taken place. At Leagra valley, south of Bonavatra, an advance of Russian raiding detachments failed.

Von Mackensen's front: During engagements in the great Wallachian plain and on the edge of mountains south of Rannick Sarat, during the last few days 5500 Russians were taken prisoner. Yesterday the oftentimes German divisions with the annexed Austro-Hungarian battalions at the point of the bayonet stormed the tenaciously defended village of Filiptsevo and on both sides of it strongly entrenched Russian positions.

On the Macedonian front successful patrol advances of Bulgarian infantry northwest of Monastir took place, and in the Czerna bend there has been varying violent artillery fire.